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The Decree for Tithes to be payed in London.

AS touching the paiments of Tithes in the Citie of London and the Lyberties of the same: It is fully ordered and decréed by the most reuerend Father in God Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate and Metropolitane of al England. Thomas Lord Wriothesley & Lord Chancellour of England. William Lord, Saint Iohn president of the Kings Maiesties Councel, and Lord great maister of his highnesse householde, Ihon Lord Russell, Lord priuie seale, Edward Earle of Hertford, Lorde great Chamberlaine of Englande, Iohn viscount Lisle high Admirall of England, Richard Lister knight chief Justice of Englād, & Roger Cholmeley knight, chief baron of his Graces Eschequer, this present

twentie and foure day of Februarij, Anno Domini ſecundum curſum & computationem Eccleſiæ Angelicanæ milleſimo quingēteſimo quadrageſimo quinto, according to ỳ ſtatute in ſuch caſe lately prouided, That the Citizens and inhabitants of the ſaid Citie of London and liberties of the ſame, for the time being, ſhall yearely without fraud or couin for euer pay their tithes to the Parſons, Vicars, and Curates of the ſayd Citie & their ſucceſſours for the time bæing, after the rate hæreafter following, that is to wit, of euery ten ſhillings rent by yeare of all and euery houſe & houſes, ſhoppes, warehouſes, cellers, and ſtables, and euery of them, within the ſaydē Citie and liberties of the ſame. xvi. pence halfe peny. And of euery twentie ſhillings rent by yere of all and euerye ſuch houſe & houſes, ſhops, warehouſes, cellars and ſtables, & euery of them, within the ſaid Citie and liberties, two ſhillings and nine pence: And ſo aboue the rent of xx.s. by yeare, aſcending from .x.s.

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to x.s. according to the rate aforesayd.

Item ẏ wher any lease is or shall be made of anye dwellyng house or houses, shops, warehouses, cellars, or stables, or of any of them, by fraud or couin, reseruing lesse rent then hath ben accustomed, or is or that any such lease shalbe made without anye rent reserued vpon the same, by reason of any fine or income payd before hand, or by any other frand or couin: That then in euery such case the tenaunt or fermour, tenaunts or fermoures therof, shal pay for his or their tithes of the same, after ẏ rate aforesaid, according to the quantitie of such rent or rents, as ẏ same house or houses, shops, warehouses, celars or stables, or any of them were last letten for, without fraude or couin before the making of such lease.

Item that euery owner or owners, inheritor or inheritors, of any dwellyng house or houses, shops, warehouses, cellers, or stables, or anye of them within the said citie & liberties,

inhabiting or occupying ỹ ſame himſelfe or themſelues, ſhall paye after ſuch rate of tithe as is abouelayde, after the quantitie of ſuch yearelye rent, as the ſame was laſt letten for, without fraud or couin.

Item if any perſon or perſõs haue taken or hæraſter ſhal take any meſe or manſion place by leaſe, & the taker or takers theroff his or their executors or aſſignes doth or ſhal inhabite in part theroff, & haue or hath win viii. yeares laſt paſt before this order or hæreafter wil or ſhall let out the reſidue of ỹ ſame: That then in ſuch caſe, ỹ principal fermour or fermors or firſt taker or takers therof, his or their executours or aſſignes, ſhal pay his or their tithes after ỹ rate aforeſayd, according to his or their quantitie therin, & that his or their executors aſſigne or aſſignes, ſhal pay his or their tithes after ỹ rate abouesaid, according to the quantitie of his or their rent by yeare.

And ỹ if any perſon or perſõs, haue or ſhall take diuers manſion houſes,

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shops, warehouses, cellers, or stables in one lease, & letteth or shall let out one or more of ỹ said houses & kepeth or shall kæpe one or more in his or their owne hands, & inhabiteth or inhabiten in the same: That then the said taker or takers, & his or their executors or assignes, shall pay his or their tithes after the rate aboue said, according to the quantitie of ỹ yerely rent of such mansion house or houses reteyned in his or their handes. And that his assigne or assignes of the residue of the said mansion house or houses shal pay his or their yerely tithes after ỹ rate aboue said, according to ỹ quãtitie of their yerely rẽts. Itẽ if such fermour or fermours, or his or their assignes of any mansion houses, warehouses, shops, cellers, or stables, hath at any time within eight yeares last past, or shall hæreafter let ouer all the sayd mansion house or houses conteyned in his or theyr lease to one person or to diuers persons: That then the inhabitauntes leases or occupiers of them, and of

euery of them shall pay their tithes, after ỹ rate of such rents as the sayd inhabitaunts, leases, or occupiers, and their assigne or assignes, ben or shal be charged withall, without fraud or couin.

Item if any dwelling house within eight yeares last past was or hereafter shall be conuerted into a warehouse, storehouse, or such lyke, or if a warehouse, storehouse, or such like wᵗ in the said eight yeares, was or hereafter shalbe cõuerted into a dwelling house: That thē the occupier or occupiers thereof shall pay tithes for the same after the rate aboue declared of mansion house rents.

Item that where any person shall demise any Diehouse or Brewhouse with implementes conuenient and necessary for dying or brewing, reseruing a rent vpon the same, as well in respect of such implements as in respect of such Diehouse or Brewhouse. That then the tenaunt shall paye his tithes, after such rate as is aboue said, the third penie abated. And that euery

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principall house or houses with key or wharfe, hauing any Crane or gibet belõging to ẏ same, shal pay after like rate of their rents as is aforesaid the third penny abated. And that other wharfes belonging to houses, hauing no Crane or gibet, shall pay for theyr tithes as shalbe paid for mansiõ houses in forme aforesayd.

Item that where any mansiõ house w̃ a shop, stable, warehouses, wharfe, with Crane, timberyard, teinteryard, or garden belonging to ẏ same, or as parcel of ẏ same, is or shalbe occupied together, ẏ if the same be hereafter seuered or deuided, or at any time w̃in. viij. years last past were seuered or deuided: That thẽ the farmour or farmours, occupier, or occupiers theroff shal pay such tithes as abouesayd for such shops, stable, ware-house, wharfe with Crane, timberyard, teinteryard, or garden aforesaid so seuered or deuided after ẏ rate of their seueral rentes therevpon reserued.

Item that the sayde citezens & inhabitantes shall paye their tythes

quarterly, that is to say, at the feast of Easter, the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist, the feast of S. Michael the Archangell, and the natiuitie of our Lorde by euen portions.

Item that euery householder paying ten shillinges rent or aboue, shall for him or hir selfe be discharged of theyr foure offeringe dayes: but his wyfe, children, seruaunt or others of theyr family, taking theyr rightes of the Church at Easter, shall paye two pence for theyr foure offeringe dayes yearely.

Prouided alwayes, and it is decreed, that if any house or houses, which hath ben or hereafter shalbe letten for x. shillings rent by yeare or more, bee or hath at anye time within eyght yeares last passed, or hereafter shalbee deuided and leassed into small parcels or members, yelding lesse yearely rent then x. shillings by yeare: That then the owner or owners, if he or they dwell in any part of such house, or els the principal lease or leases, if the owner or owners doe not dwell in some

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part of ẏ ſame, ſhal frõ henceforth pay for his or their tithes, after ſuch rate of rent as the ſame houſe was accuſtomed to be letten for before ſuch deuiſion or deuiding into parts or members. And ẏ vnder farmour and farmours, leaſe and leaſes, to be diſcharged of all tithes, for ſuche ſmall parcels, parts or members rented at leſſe yearely rents then x. ſhillings by yeare, without fraud or couin, paying two pence a péece yearely for their. iiij offering dayes.

Prouided alway, & it is decréede, that for ſuch gardens as apperteyne not to any manſion houſe, and which any perſon or perſons, holdeth or ſhal holde in his or their handes for pleaſure, or to his owne vſe, that then the perſon ſo holding the ſame ſhall paye no tithes for the ſame. But if any perſon or perſons, which holdeth and ſhal holde any ſuch garden, conteininge halfe an Acre or more, doth or ſhall make any yéerely profite thereoff by way of ſale: that then he or they ſhall paye tithes for the ſame, after ſuche

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rate of his rent, as is herein first a-boue specified.

Prouided also that if any such gardens now being of the quantitie of halfe an Acre or more, be hereafter by fraude or couin deuided into any lesse quantitie or quantities, then to pay tith, according to the rate aboue-sayde.

Prouided alwaye that this decree shall not extend to the houses of great men, or noble men, or noble women, kept in theyr owne handes, and not letten for any rent, which in time past hath payed no tithes, so long as they shall so continue vnletten, nor to any halls of craftes or companies so long as they be kepte vnletten, so that the same halls in time past haue not vsed to pay any tithes.

Prouided alwayes, & it is decreed, that this present order and decree shal not in anye wise extende to binde or charge any sheddes, stables, cellers, timber yardes, ne teynter yardes, which wer neuer parcel of any dwelling house, ne apperteining or belong-

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ing to any dwellinge house, ne haue accustomed to paye any tithes: but ȳ the sayd Citizens & inhabitants shall thereoff be quiet of payment, of any tithes, as it hath ben vsed and accustomed.

Prouided also, and it is decrēde, that where lesse summe then after the rate of sixtēne pence halfpenny in the tenne shillinges rent, or lesse summe then two shillinges and nine pence in the twentie shillinges rente, hath ben accustomed to be payde for tithes, that then in such places, the sayde Citizens and inhabitantes shall pay but onely after such rate as hath bene accustomed.

Item, it is also decrēde, ȳ if any varyaunce, controuersie, or strife do or shall hereafter aryse in the sayd Citie for no payment of any tithes: or if any variaunce or doubt arise vpon the true knowledge or diuisiō of any rent or tithes within the liberties of ȳ said citie, or of any extent or assemblant thereoff, or if any doubt rise vpon any other thing conteined within this de-

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crée: that then vppon complaint made by the partie græued to ỳ Mayze of ỳ citie of London foz ỳ time being, the ſayd Mayze by the aduiſe of counſaile ſhall call the ſayd parties befoze him, & make a finall ende in the ſame, with coſts to be rewarded at the diſcreation of the ſayd Mayze & his aſſiſtants, accozding to the intent & purpoſe of this pzeſent decrée.

And if ỳ the ſayd Mayze make not an ende thereoff within two moneths after complaynte to him made, oz if any of the ſayde parties finde themſelues grieued: That then the Lozd Chauncellour of England foz the time being vpon complainte to him made within thzée monethes then next following. ſhall make an ende of the ſame, with ſuch coſtes to be rewarded as ſhalbe thought conuenient, accozding to the intent and purpozſe of this ſaid decrée.

Pzouided alwayes, that if any perſon oz perſons take any tenement foz a leſſe rent then was accuſtomed to be letten foz, by reaſon of any greate ruine and decay, burning, oz ſuch lyke

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occasions or misfortunes: That then such person or persons, his executors or assignes shal pay tithes onely after the rate of the rent reserued in his or their lease, & none otherwise, as long as the same lease shall endure.

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